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**MINUTES FROM THE MAY 2022 CTFPD TRUSTEES' SPECIAL MEETING
WITH THE VILLAGE OF CRETE**

May 23, 2022

Crete Township Fire Protection District – Station #41

26730 S. Stoney Island

Crete, IL 60417

3:32 PM – Meeting was called to order by Trustee Miller.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present - Trustee Miller, Trustee Peterlin, Trustee Zimmerman, Chief Panega, Deputy Chief Radtke

Absent - Assistant Chief Swanson, Lieutenant Moeller, Lieutenant Haemker, Lieutenant Pinnick

New Business: **Discussion Regarding the Sharing of Personnel / Possible Merger of Crete Township Fire Protection District & the Village of Crete Fire Department** – Mayor Michael Einhorn, Village of Crete, thanked Trustees for agreeing to meet to discuss the potential of sharing personnel. Mayor Einhorn stated the Village of Crete's Fire Chief recently retired, there is a lack of manpower, no one is moving up the ranks and there is a lack of managerial people. Applicants for Fire Chief do not live locally. Fire stations in Crete have been dark due to the lack of employees and he does not foresee the situation getting any better in the near future. He stated it would be beneficial to both parties if all stations were manned and free up tax dollars by consolidating management. He proposed CTFPD and the Village of Crete consider not only sharing manpower but also Chiefs.

Trustee Miller pointed out CTFPD employees are aware Crete Fire Department offers part-time employment and if they wanted to work there, they already could. Deputy Chief Radtke stated the sharing of manpower creates an issue with CTFPD tax dollars being utilized out of district. In addition, all fire departments in the area are having issues with staffing and CTFPD would be gaining two stations to manage in the Village of Crete. Fair and equitable fees would need to be discussed for sharing personnel and management.

CTFPD Trustees questioned the position of the Village of Crete's Board of Trustees regarding a merger of the two fire departments. Mayor Einhorn stated a true merger would be hard to sell due to the difference in tax rates;

Crete residents would go to CTFPD's tax rate. Trustee Zimmerman agreed a referendum to merge would never pass right now due to the state of the economy.

Trustee Miller questioned if the Village of Crete is open to CTFPD running the Crete Fire Department and the Village making payments to CTFPD for services. Mayor Einhorn stated the option is not out of the question.

Additional discussion was had regarding scheduling, manpower, recruitment, daily structure, management styles and financial budgets. CTFPD Trustees stated they would discuss the potential of sharing personnel/management further and attempt to develop some ideas.

Citizens Speak: No one from the public was present.

Motion to Adjourn the May 23, 2022 meeting at 4:25 PM by Trustee Miller. Second Trustee Zimmerman. Motion carried.